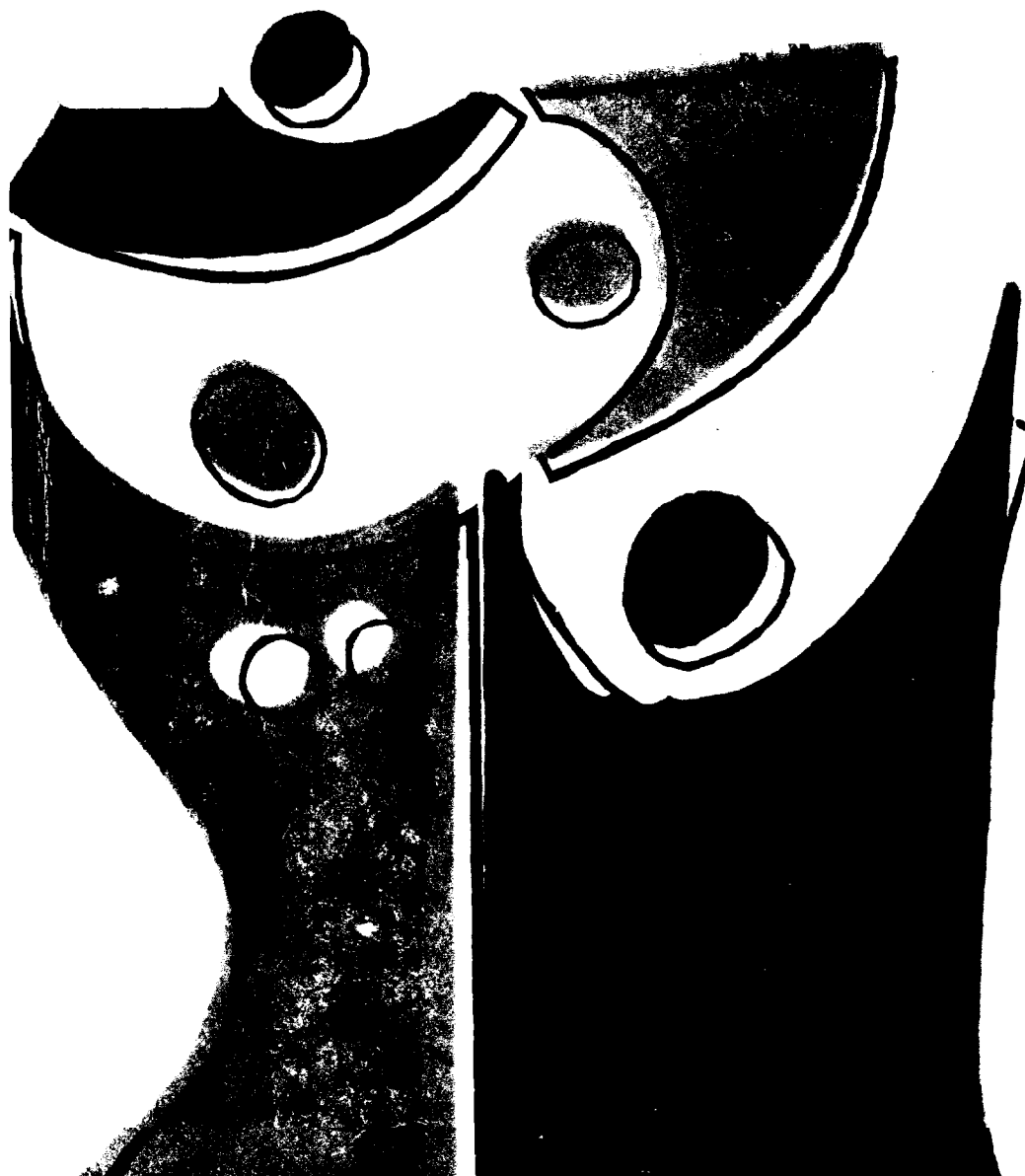


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The Honorable Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare


Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to transmit herewith the manuscript of the
Surgeon General's Report on Health Promotion and Disease
Prevention.

I believe this will be an important document for the
American people.

Many people and institutions, too numerous to acknowledge,
have provided valuable assistance in preparing this report.
I would particularly like to express appreciation to
Dr. J. Michael McGinnis, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) and
his staff, and to Dr. David Hamburg, President of the
Institute of Medicine, of the National Academy of Sciences,
for his leadership in mobilizing the resources of the
Institute to provide the accompanying papers which present
documentation for the report.

Sincerely yours,


Julius B. Richmond, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Health and
Surgeon General

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